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SUBJECT: KUWAIT DEMARCHE DELIVERED: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, AND DISCUSSION OF NEXT UNSYGC

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Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

¶1. (C) The Ambassador delivered April 26 reftel demarche to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Khaled Al-Jarallah. Al-Jarallah said he knew of China's and Saudi Arabia's interest in one of the Asian seats and agreed that members of the new Human Rights Council needed to have strong human rights record.

¶2. (C) Al-Jarallah asked whether progress had been made on finding a candidate to succeed UNSYG Kofi Annan. He noted that Thailand and Korea had approached the GOK about support for their candidates or one from the Asian region, and said he had also heard about a possible European candidate and one from Jordan. The Ambassador replied that the U.S. does not accept the view that regional consideration should govern the appointment of the SYG. He emphasized the U.S. is seeking the best-qualified candidate for this critical position.

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